



**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. 09/542,897 Group Art Unit No. 3676
Filing Date: April 4, 2000 Examiner: Vishal Patel
Inventor: Jerry H. Chisnell Date: October 3, 2003
Title: Composite Sleeve For Sealing A Tubular Coupling

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Request for One Month Extension

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of June 3, 2003. If granted, a response will be due on October 3, 2003.

A check in the amount of the requisite fee, \$110.00, is enclosed, as well as a duplicate copy of this request and a self-addressed return envelope to facilitate the prompt reply to this request, and a favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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